

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 44

By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kay Hart, recipient of the 2008 Tennessee American Star of Teaching Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Kay Hart is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hart has recently been awarded the 2008 Tennessee American Star of Teaching Award, an honor most befitting her tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the Teacher-to-Teacher Initiative, administered through the United States Department of Education, annually bestows one Award to a teacher from each state and the District of Columbia, honoring those educators who prove over time their dedication to the education of young Americans; and

WHEREAS, currently an instructor of English, creative writing, and theater arts, Kay Hart has served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher for twenty-nine years, touching the lives of over 2,000 students; and of those twenty-nine years, Mrs. Hart has taught the last fifteen at Scotts Hills High School in Reagan, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, having received her bachelor's degree from Union University, Mrs. Hart chose to continue her education, by earning two masters degrees, one from the University of Memphis, another from Bethel College; and

WHEREAS, Kay Hart has also enjoyed distinction as Scotts Hill High School Teacher of the Year in 2006, and as a finalist for Tennessee Teacher of the Year in 2007; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Hart is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship of her husband, Tim, and twin children, Grant and Brittany; and

WHEREAS, Kay Hart truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Scotts Hill High School teacher Kay Hart on being chosen the 2008 Tennessee American Star of Teaching, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.